

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2000-4802, by Representatives Benson, Barlean, Cairnes, Crouse, Delvin, Sump, G. Chandler, Schindler, McMorris, Carlson, Wood, Ogden, Cox, DeBolt, Ericksen, Woods, McDonald, Carrell, Buck, Ballard, Mielke, Clements, Mulliken, Skinner, Ballasiotes, Parlette, Alexander, Talcott, Thomas, Boldt, Anderson, Bush, Campbell, B. Chandler, Chopp, Cody, Constantine, Conway, Cooper, Dickerson, Doumit, Dunn, Dunshee, Edmonds, Edwards, Eickmeyer, Esser, Fisher, Fortunato, Gombosky, Grant, Haigh, Hankins, Hatfield, Huff, Hurst, Kagi, Kastama, Keiser, Kenney, Kessler, Koster, Lambert, Lantz, Linville, Lisk, Lovick, Mastin, McIntire, Miloscia, Mitchell, Morris, Murray, O'Brien, Pennington, Pflug, Poulsen, Quall, Radcliff, Reardon, Regala, Rockefeller, Romero, Ruderman, Santos, D. Schmidt, Schoesler, Schual-Berke, Scott, D. Sommers, H. Sommers, Stensen, Sullivan, Tokuda, Van Luven, Veloria, Wensman and Wolfe

1 WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State  
2 Legislature to recognize excellence in all fields of endeavor; and

3 WHEREAS, Duane Sommers has exhibited true excellence during his  
4 tenure as State Representative for the citizens of the 6th  
5 Legislative District, made up of part of the City of Spokane, part of  
6 Spokane Valley, and the southwest portion of Spokane County including  
7 Moran Prairie, the northern portion of the West Plains and a portion  
8 of the City of Airway Heights; and

9 WHEREAS, Duane Sommers was born and raised in Spokane,  
10 Washington where he has lived all his adult life; and

11 WHEREAS, Duane Sommers and his wife, Mae, have four adult  
12 children and ten grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, Duane Sommers has a B.S. in Microbiology and Public  
14 Health from Washington State University, and a M.P.H. in Public  
15 Health from the University of Minnesota; and

16 WHEREAS, Duane Sommers is owner/manager of Planning Associates,  
17 Inc., a consulting firm; and

18 WHEREAS, Duane Sommers has served as former Chairman of the  
19 Spokane County Republican Party, member of the Spokane Area Chamber  
20 of Commerce, past President of the Washington State Public Health  
21 Association, former Regent of Northwest Christian Schools, member of  
22 the Downtown Spokane Rotary Club, Chairman of Life Skills Education  
23 Center in Spokane, and as a former Lt. Col. in the United States Army  
24 Reserve; and

25 WHEREAS, Duane Sommers served as State Representative from the

1 6th Legislative District from 1987-93, as Assistant Minority Whip  
2 1989-91, as Assistant Minority Floor Leader 1991-93, and was  
3 appointed State Representative from the 6th District in 1995, and  
4 reelected in 1996 and 1998, served as former Chairman of the  
5 Legislative Ethics Committee, Cochair of the Children and Family  
6 Services Committee, and as a member of the Economic Development,  
7 Housing and Trade Executive Committee, the Joint Committee on Pension  
8 Policy, and the Capitol Campus Design Advisory Committee; and

9 WHEREAS, Duane Sommers is respected for his sincerity, his  
10 honesty, his kindness, and his friendship;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of  
12 Representatives of the state of Washington honor Duane Sommers for  
13 his years of dedicated service, his personal and professional  
14 integrity, and his faithfulness to the principles and ideals that he  
15 worked so diligently for; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be  
17 immediately transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of  
18 Representatives to Duane Sommers.

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